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Policies to include suicide hotline on student ID tags

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education the board unanimously approved a list of 34 policy updates that it discussed at its Sept. 13 meeting and then took up another list of eight updates to approve at its Nov. 12 meeting.

The new list of policies, proposed by its attorneys at Thrun Law Firm, includes printing a suicide hotline telephone number on all student identification tags for grades 6-12. The number, either national, state, or local that is available 24 hours a day, may also be put on the school website homepage and in a prominent location in the school counselor's office.

This is in addition to the suicide prevention policies already in place that requires teachers to watch students for unusual depression, expressions of suicidal thoughts, and threatening or attempting suicide or self-harm.

Other policies, which are all in the Series 5000 policies for "Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters," addressed family engagement, Title I funds, academic credit, retention, medication, and honoring a "Do-Not-Resuscitate Order."

Board vice president Susan Featheringill presided at the meeting for president Amy Pearce who was absent.

Also at Monday's regular meeting, the school board:

- Was advised the following teachers have been awarded tenure for the 2020-21 school year: Walter Boykin, Mark Fransen, Kayla Hale, Jennifer Kitchen, Julie Komaromi, Jennifer Lange, Thomas Purcell, and Morgan Youngs. School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained teachers qualify for tenure after their fifth year of teaching, or after their third year here, if they already

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Independent photo by James Otzman

Renovations continue at French Landing Park next to the dam in Van Buren Township. Recently this \$138,000 giant tensile structure sunshade was installed. The upgrades for Phase 1 were estimated to total \$411,062, including the sunshade. The sunshade was said to be 52'x52' in size and can hold yoga sessions, picnics, meetings, and fishing derbies and is expected to last 20 years. French Landing Park and its restrooms have been closed to the public since June 7 for the work. Phase 1 construction consists of site demolition, preparations, pathways, and outdoor furniture and is being paid through the Wayne County Parks Millage grant. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the goal is to have French Landing look like "an upscale community park."

VBT to host Iron Belle 'Saddle' ribbon-cutting ceremony

News Release

The Iron Belle Trail is Michigan's showcase trail running through hundreds of municipalities and crosses into 48 different Michigan counties. The trail features two routes; one for bicycling and a separate route for hiking.

A portion of the hiking trail runs through Van Buren Township. To enhance accessibility for hiking and biking a new road and walking path, also known as the "Saddle," was constructed over the summer.

"We're excited to have the Iron Belle Trail go right through Van Buren Township," said Public Services Director Matthew Best. "We've been working on this project for six years and couldn't have completed

it without the support of Wayne County.

The township welcomes the public to come out and celebrate the addition to the statewide trail.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place in Van Buren Park at 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at noon.

"The new trail and roadway help to provide access to Van Buren Park and the Iron Belle Trail," said Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud. "The path was designed with everyone in mind, so we will be able to walk or roll over it for years to come!"

The "Saddle," a portion of Van Buren Park's road connecting the front and back loops, was completely reconstructed with help from Wayne County, in partnership with the Davenport Brothers of Belleville. The Saddle is just a small portion of the Iron Belle Trail.

"Not only will the Iron Belle Trail run through Van Buren Park, but it will also

extend into Riggs Park and the Lower Huron Metro Park," said Director of Recreation Jennifer Zaenglein. "This means residents and visitors will be able to enjoy and experience the beauty of not just one, but two Van Buren Township parks along the route."

The Iron Belle Trail is a State of Michigan initiative that extends more than 2,000 miles from Ironwood, in the far western tip of the Upper Peninsula, to Belle Isle in Detroit.

"Projects like these would not be possible without local partnerships," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're thankful for Wayne County and the DNR for helping us improve the trail and very excited that the hiking trail goes right through Van Buren Township."

Funding from this project was provided by Wayne County and Van Buren Township. For additional information about the Iron Belle trail visit vanburen-mi.org or michigan.gov/IronBelle.

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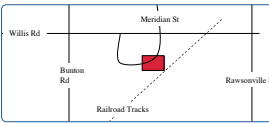
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Linda Lawther named to Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Linda Lawther of Ypsilanti begins her term as a member of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees on Oct. 1. She was elected in June during the organization's Education and Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lawther is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti and the Kiwanis Club of Belleville Area and has served as president of both clubs.

She has been interim secretary for the Ypsilanti club and assistant secretary for the Belleville club. Kiwanis is a global service organization whose members work to improve the lives of children in their communities and around the world.

She has been a Kiwanis club member for 23 years. At the district level, she has been governor, lieutenant governor and membership chair. She has also served as district education director.

"I will bring my perspective and experience to the board-level discussions, with a view on the changes needed at the higher levels of our organization," Lawther said.

She joins a record five women on the 2021-22 Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

"While I'm glad for the increasing

number of women on the board, I strongly believe the board needs to be as diverse as the Kiwanis membership, Lawther said.

Lawther has a long history with Kiwanis. She has served as regional chair and growth chair for international membership initiatives. She holds the AI Daily Award for Outstanding Service and the Steiger Diamond Level Award, given by the Michigan District.

For her donations to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, she holds a Walter Zeller Fellowship and a George F. Hixson Fellowship. She also holds a Kiwanis International Leadership Society certificate.

She also received Kiwanis International Life Membership as a gift from the districts she served as regional growth chair, including New England and Bermuda, Ohio, West Virginia, and Michigan.

Lawther holds a bachelor's degree in health care management from Spring Arbor University and a master's degree in leadership from Bellevue University. She is president and CEO of Michigan Center for Assisted Living, an association of assisted-living facilities. She is a member of the Church of Christ.



Linda Lawther

"With more than 30 years of leadership development and membership support of assisted-living communities, I have very strong experience in mentoring, training and elevating staff in the long-term-care field," Lawther said. "In 1998, I was invited to join Kiwanis as a business networking opportunity. It did not take long for it to become so much more to me. With an interest in developing Aktion Clubs, it matched my career." (Aktion

Clubs are Kiwanis clubs for adults living with disabilities.)

Lawther's husband, Jeffrey, is also a member of the Ypsilanti and Belleville Area clubs and has also served as a club leader and youth program advisor.

The couple has two married children and four grandchildren. Lawther enjoys spending time with family, as well as music, travel, walking and hiking and speaking on and teaching numerous topics.

VBT board votes to stay in zoom meetings until at least Nov. 2 meeting

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

After a discussion on COVID, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its Sept. 21 meeting to continue to hold meetings virtually until the first meeting in November, when it will reconsider going back to in-person meetings.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara was not present for the meeting and his absence was not explained until resident John Delaney said he was at Mackinac Island for the Detroit Chamber Policy Conference.

Treasurer Sharry Budd presided at the board meeting in Supervisor McNamara's absence. She said Wayne County has extended until the end of the year the right to hold virtual meetings.

Clerk Leon Wright said starting in November there are only four meetings left until the end of the year and they could reconsider in-person meetings during the first meeting in November.

He said he wants to do what the CDC and MIOSHA think is best. He said he considers himself a leader and he is looking out for the safety of the community.

Trustee Reggie Miller said she was not opposed to waiting until November to decide. She said she is available to residents, denying Delaney's claim earlier in the meeting that the board members

were unavailable to the public when there were only virtual meetings. She said her phone number is 734-883-9650 and she gets texts all the time. She said her email is on the website.

"I have people coming to my house," she said, adding she is willing to be open to the public.

Treasurer Budd said she was in the office all that day at a zoom meeting with municipal treasurers, but she was available to step away from the meeting if something important came up.

In other business at the one-hour-and-10-minute meeting on Sept. 21, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of former Supervisor Helen Foster from the Downtown Development Authority because of "family demands" and approved the supervisor's appointment of Velon Willis to fill the vacancy with a term to expire March 9, 2022. Willis' business, Willis Insurance Agency, is located within the DDA district. She also is a former member of the Van Buren Civic Fund board;

- Approved the 2022 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract and authorized the supervisor and clerk to execute the agreement. The township will get a total of \$28,348 for recreation transportation and senior transportation and a local match of

\$34,500 is met by the township general fund and in-kind services (drivers' wages and volunteers);

- Approved, without discussion, the Mallinckrodt PLC Bankruptcy Plan as it pertains to ongoing opioid litigation;

- Viewed the 11-minute State of the Township video prepared by communications specialists Ryan Nichols and Alysha Albrecht for McNamara's recent address at a Chamber of Commerce event;

- Approved the second (final) reading of an ordinance amendment that provides for township police to not enforce drug paraphernalia restrictions when the individual has a card from SOOAR, at the officer's discretion. SOOAR, with its office in Belleville, is intended to prevent the spread of infectious disease and provide assistance for drug treatment;

- Approved the second (final) reading of a state ordinance regarding animal cruelty making it into a local ordinance that allows handling of cases at 34th District Court instead of at a downtown court;

- Heard Delaney comment on several issues at the beginning of the meeting, including no one being available earlier that day when he came to township hall to talk to elected officials, that the board would continue virtual meetings when the school board meetings have been in person

for months, that constituents haven't been properly served for 18 months when officials haven't been available face to face, and thanked the officers and staff who helped the LDFA put together the 911 memorial at Grace Lake;

- Heard Trustee Donald Boynton interrupt Delaney's remarks to disagree, saying his phone number is on the website and a number of residents called him;

- Heard Trisha Duckworth support the SOOAR program that helps those suffering from addiction and ask for using federal funds for increased broadband connection, and possible federal monies to update structures in Parkwood that are in disrepair and have mold. She said maybe Parkwood should be torn down. Treasurer Budd said someone will contact her; and

- Heard Clerk Wright thank Delaney for his work to set up the 911 memorial program but disagreed with Delaney when Delaney called "fake news" figures cited by Wright on how many people got COVID compared to how many got the Spanish Flu. "The media is not fake," Wright said. "They gave us a total number. They don't lie." Wright said, "The virus is real. Like they say on TV if you're hit with it you're gone." He said 675,000-plus people were killed and people shouldn't act foolishly.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

New trailway through Van Buren Park is ready

Next Wednesday, Oct. 6, at noon, Van Buren Township will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the new "Saddle" part of the Iron Belle Trail. The ribbon-cutting is being put on by the Belleville-Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Saddle will allow bikers and walkers to go through Van Buren Park easily to get from the west side where it enters the park to the east side on Denton Road where it leaves the park.

It was kind of rough and hilly before and we can hardly wait to see what VBT, the county, and Davenport Brothers have put together to make it work. Everyone is invited to the ribbon-cutting.

The eastbound trail in VBT heads in and out of the City of Belleville and then travels along E. Huron River Drive to the area of the newly renovated bridge over the Huron River. Another challenge: The bikers/hikers will have to get from the south side of E. Huron River Drive, to the north side to get on the bridge sidewalk, and then back to the south side to get into the Metropark.

The Metropark is arranging for a light at its entry to get the biker/hikers across E. Huron River Drive. VBT and Wayne County will have to arrange for another light somewhere on the west side of the bridge. Makes one wonder if the hikers/bikers will go to all that trouble to cross back and forth or just go over the bridge with all the cars.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Kim Stakley of Haggerty Subdivision has lived in this area since she was six and now she is advocating for her fellow residents in the subdivision concerning the condition of Haggerty Road between I-94 and Tyler Road. She said one side of the road was resurfaced six years ago and that's the only road repair that has been done on that part of Haggerty since the subdivision was built in about 1973.

She said north of Tyler the industrial park is growing and they are fixing the roadway to Van Born.

She said adults and students from the subdivision and the apartments walk on the shoulder of the road to get to the little store and to the community college. They really should have a sidewalk the length of Haggerty between I-94 and Tyler, she said. She said drivers are in a hurry and are on their devices and trucks are hard to stop. She said she is scared for anyone to drive out there.

She said she was told Matthew Best was the one to call and she has left messages for him and he has not returned them. She called the county and she said she was told they need an advocate with the township, since residents aren't listened to.

"A lot of elderly people live in the neighborhood and some have lived here ever since the subdivision was built," she said, adding she has lived there 25 years.

She said she tried the telephone number listed on the Van Buren Township website to call for roadwork that needs to be done and that number has been disconnected. I tried a number I found there for Road Complaints and it worked: 1-888-762-3273.

She said the BP gas station at the corner

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



of Haggerty and I-94 has the Amazon account and up to 100 Amazon vehicles some and go from the station. I suggested a few people she might call who will return her calls. Local municipalities are waiting to find out how much infrastructure money is coming from the federal government. Maybe that will help.

Last week, Channel 4 news had a story about COVID and how different school districts are handling positive cases and quarantines. It listed Van Buren Public Schools and Dearborn as being among the districts that require teachers to take their quarantine days out of their allotted sick days. MEA said it is fighting for its members who are vaccinated and the others, the unvaccinated, will have to "bring the fight" on their own.

34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin mentioned several times during the Sept. 22 felony docket that there was a man walking on the roof of the courthouse. She said she could see him out the window.

Got this note on Friday: Hi! Do you have any idea what is happening with our post office? We are getting mail at 6 or 7 p.m. and what's worse yet I ordered stamps by mail order form two weeks ago. Yesterday, I received a notice that two backyard toys are being shipped! Same charge, my name, and P.O. but WHAT shall I do with the

toys? I'm fed-up with incompetency right in our own backyard! Thanks for letting me vent, but it's legitimate." This is from a reader more than 90 years old in the City of Belleville.

Museum Director Katie Dallos sent us an email announcing the museum was to reopen at noon at Sept. 28 and then she sent another email saying that wouldn't happen because the township wants her to ease back into the position, since she was hospitalized. She hopes to open soon.

We received a note from Mark Laginess on Sept. 22: "Just to let you know, the Band Review program for this evening has been cancelled due to the weather. This is the first time since I've been coordinating the event (starting in 2006) that we've had to cancel. The 28th annual event will have to wait until 2022."

This was because of the storm that was bearing down upon us.

We get questions about the Lunch Box restaurant, which wasn't on the list of businesses coming to Lakeview Center in Belleville. I checked and was told the Lunch Box has not signed a contract for space at the center so whether it is coming back or not is unclear at this time.



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Letters

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To the editor:

Yes, our true America is alive and well. On Sept. 20 I had a fasting appointment at St. Joseph Hospital at Canton Center and hadn't eaten for 14 hours, so I elected to stop at Leo's on Belleville Road and have a very late breakfast.

As I was leaving to pay the bill, my waitress Julie said, "The gentleman sitting in the next table paid for your breakfast."

It is so rewarding to see people practicing what American people are made of, to be honest, kind, and to share and help one another, instead of lying, cheating, and bullying to get ahead! Thank you, my friend.

Bernie McManus

Van Buren Township

P.S. I did have my Stars and Stripes compression stockings on and was using my concentrator (oxygen). God Bless America.

Independent to raise subscription rates to cover P.O. rate hike

In order to cover the recent raise in postage rates by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Belleville-Area Independent* will raise the cost of its subscriptions as of Nov. 1.

The annual rate for subscriptions for addresses in Michigan will go from \$30 to \$35. The annual rate for subscriptions for addresses out of state will go from \$35 to \$40.

The last time the *Independent* raised its subscription rates was in April 2013, more than eight years ago. The free paper is sent and subscribers pay for the postage, which varies when the number of pages goes up or down.

Van Buren Township's Trick-or-Treat event back on Sat., Oct. 23

Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation Department's annual Candy Loop trick-or-treating event is back by popular demand from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Quirk Park.

Youngsters are advised to wear their costumes and take a stroll around the Candy Loop. They can stop by different Halloween-themed stations that provide treats from local businesses and organizations.

This event is free and open to the public, but participants need to register for a specific timeslot at vanburen-mi.org/parks. Please, no pets unless they are service animals.

"We cannot wait to see everyone all dressed up and ready to celebrate Halloween!" said Director of Recreation Jennifer Zaenglein. "We're asking people to register, so we can properly distance everyone and if we have to cancel due to weather, we can notify everyone right away via email."

The rain date is 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

"In 2019, roughly 1,000 people came to Van Buren Township's safe trick-or-treating event," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're expecting a large turnout this year and want to thank our local businesses and non-profit organizations. Candy Loop wouldn't be possible without their support."

Local businesses and organizations can sign up to pass out candy at an individual station at vanburen-mi.org/parksandrec or contact Jennifer Zaenglein at 734-699-8921. Decorations are encouraged, but not necessary.

Participants will be required to follow all CDC and Michigan Department of Health and Humans Services guidelines. For additional information visit vanburen-mi.org/parksandrec.

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The Belleville Harvest Fest will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, museum, and along Fourth Street Place in downtown Belleville.

At the Belleville Area District Library there will be:

- Indian corn jewelry
- Soap carving & leaf rubbing
- Corn-husk dolls
- Butter churning
- Ink stamping/bag decorating
- Quilting demonstrations

At the Belleville Area Museum there will be:

- Corn shelling
- Scavenger hunt
- Scrub board laundry
- Paper crafts
- Bobbing for donuts
- Nickel dig, 2-3 p.m.

Traditional music by Regis & Friends will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

In Fourth Street Place there will be:

- Harvest Market, with local crafts, bakery, seasonal produce, eggs, meat, etc.
- Belleville fire truck (Belleville Fire Auxiliary)

- Sidewalk chalk drawing (Bob Mytych)
- Amaizeing Dawgs with hotdogs, walking tacos, fresh-squeezed lemonade
- Kona Ice with shaved ice
- Fresh popcorn (Belleville Community Chorus)
- Pumpkin & rock painting (Kiwanis of

Belleville)

- FMAR pet adoption (Coldwell Banker Professionals)

Scarecrows will also be up along Main Street competing for prizes.

Sponsoring Harvest Fest are Belleville Area District Library, Friends of the Library,

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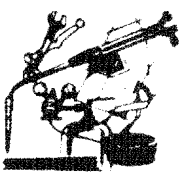
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Obituaries



Gloria Ann Coffman

GLORIA ANN COFFMAN

Gloria A. Coffman, age 61, of Belleville, August 24, 2021. Beloved wife of Clifford Coffman. Loving sister of Stephen (the late Annette) Girard. She is also survived by her uncle Paul (Connie) Gubaci, aunt Betty Schrock, brother-in-law Billy Coffman, the Coffman family in Arkansas, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles and aunts. Gloria was a member of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her parents Gerald and Helen Girard, brothers Gerald Keith Girard and Stewart Wilson Girard. Her cremation took place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

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Linda Diane Newman

LINDA DIANE NEWMAN

(August 10, 1964 - September 20, 2021)
Linda Diane Newman, age 57, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Monday, September 20, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born August 10, 1964, in Lincoln Park, MI, daughter of James & Janice Elaine (Smith) Newman, Jr.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 12:00 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. The family will welcome friends from 11:30-12 Noon. Interment will be in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to American Kidney Fund and would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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JOAN DELORES BACASHIHUA

(August 17, 1955 - August 18, 2021)
Age 66, died at her home in Frederick, MD. Graduated from Taylor Center High School in 1973. Served her county in the U.S. Army. Cremation rites have been accorded. Interment will be with her mother in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pontiac. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Viola Tomkiewicz

VIOLA J. TOMKIEWICZ

(March 20, 1925 - September 24, 2021)

An earth angel has moved up to be a heavenly angel. On September 24, 2021, our Viola passed away at age 96 and a half years. Born March 20, 1925, she was the epitome of how we should live our lives. She was caring, compassionate, devoted, and unselfish, a joy to be around and full of so much love for everyone. She never put herself first, only others.

She was preceded in death by her children, Deanna and Richard, and husband Clayton. She leaves behind the apple of her eye, Annette (Kenny) Gilman and beautiful granddaughters, Kendra and Kaitlyn Gilman of Clovis, CA. She also leaves nephew Larry (Cecilia) Chesno and great nephew Christopher. Vi was also family to her "adopted in our hearts" children. She will be extremely missed by Jim and Kathy Farr, their children, and grandchildren. Also, Audie and Judy McDaniel, their children and grandchildren.

Vi's love also extended to her church family at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston. She had many friends there, but she especially treasured friends Greg and Sarah Gorham and Peggy Riggs, and also her dear friend Roy Mays.

The last seven years of her life, Vi resided at Cedar Woods Assisted Living in Belleville. They took wonderful care of her and she will be missed by all there. Funeral arrangements were made at Crane's Funeral Home in Romulus with service held at St. Paul's officiated by Reverend Schwartz. Burial was at Mallet Cemetery in Huron Township.

Until we meet again, goodbye, Sweetheart. We will always treasure what we had and will always love you very much.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remain at 77, positive tests at 3,984

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remain at 77 as of Monday, Sept. 27, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,984 on Monday, Sept. 27, up from 3,914 on Monday, Sept. 20.

On Monday, Sept. 27, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,675 positive cases, 42 deaths; City of Belleville, 530 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 779 positive cases, 14 deaths.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Oct. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.

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Joseph and Rita
Stillwagon

JOSEPH GERALD STILLWAGON and RITA JEAN STILLWAGON

Rita Jean Stillwagon, 87, passed away on September 15, 2021, in Aptos, CA. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 68 years, Joseph Gerald Stillwagon, who passed away on May 15, 2017, at the age of 85, in Punta Gorda, FL.

They are survived by their six children, Judy (Jim) Berlucchi, Dexter, MI, Christy (Dan) Brune, Aptos, CA, Joseph (Roice) Stillwagon, Auburn, CA, Steven (Jana) Stillwagon, Dallas, TX, Jeffery (Selina) Stillwagon, Belleville, MI, John Stillwagon, Southgate, MI, many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren ... and still counting.

Joe had a long, distinguished career as an engineer at GM Hydramatic, Willow Run. He had a brilliant mind, and a tender heart (although teenage boys dating his daughters might disagree). He could fix anything, excelled at sports, and was a remarkable pianist - there were seasons when he played evenings in a piano bar to provide for his growing family, and recordings of his dazzling talent are a family treasure.

Rita was tireless in creating an appealing home while caring for six rambunctious children - her creative birthday parties, Halloween costumes, and holiday decorating were unforgettable. And her lively spirit could turn even the mundane into an exciting adventure. While stoic in difficulties, her unflappable, nature was always a comfort. Throughout her life, she was a role model, mentor, and good friend to many, and treated everyone she met with dignity and grace.

They were kids having kids, but possessed astonishing wisdom and maturity, and were fun to be around - there were raucous family games, epic vacations (six kids and a dog in a station wagon with no a/c), and an enjoyment of life that was contagious to all who knew them.

In 1973 they threw caution to the wind and opened a restaurant, the Woodstone Inn, in Ypsilanti, MI. Their passion, vision and hard work made it wildly successful - the food was renowned, and the parties were legendary. And they had a knack for making patrons and employees feel like family.

They gave their children the gifts of a stable, loving family, memories of a childhood filled with wonder, an appreciation of nature, art, and music, a strong work ethic, common sense, a 'can-do' mindset, and a deep love for God and country.

After retiring, Joe and Rita enjoyed their summers in northern Michigan and winters in Florida. They traveled, cruised, and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life - just being together, spending time with family and friends, and,

of course, happy hour. They will be greatly missed.

A memorial service and burial will be held on Monday, October 4th, 11 a.m., at the St Clairsville Union Cemetery, 211 Maple Avenue, St Clairsville, OH.

Used book sales resume at Belleville Area District Library

The Friends of the Library have expanded their used book sale area in the lobby of the Belleville Area District Library. The Friends invite all to shop the shelves of the spacious Friends' Nook.

The fiction section includes: best sellers, romance, sci/fi and fantasy, teens and young adults and children's books. Non-Fiction collections include: biography, business, cookbooks, hobbies & crafts, history, humor, literature, medical/health, poetry, and more.

Adult hardcover books are \$1, paperbacks are \$.50, oversized paperbacks are \$.75. Children's hardcovers are \$.50 and paperbacks are \$.25.

The collection of digital media includes a wide variety of DVDs, Blue Rays, CDs, and audio books, all are priced at \$1 each.

Used book sale income is used for summer reading programs, Harvest Fest and other library activities.

A new Puzzle Exchange has been added. "Bring a Puzzle and Take a Puzzle" is free of charge.

The Friends of the Library have been reorganizing and board meetings are now in-person in the library board room. The public is invited to attend. New ideas for future programs and fundraising for the library are welcome. The next board meetings will be at 10 a.m. on the following Saturdays: Oct. 2, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

Membership information and application forms can be found on the library website: www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

Chiamaka Izuegbunam of VBT enrolls at the University of Findlay

FINDLAY, OH -- Chiamaka Izuegbunam, of Van Buren Township, has enrolled at the University of Findlay for fall 2021. New students began their studies at UF on Aug. 16.

Izuegbunam is pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree.

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Keystone Academy board studies NHA plan to refinance company

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Aug. 12 meeting of the Keystone Academy board of directors, the group heard a lengthy presentation on the proposed refinancing of National Heritage Academies, a private company which runs the academy.

At the end of its Sept. 9 meeting, the board went into closed-door session with its attorney Candace Sorensen for attorney-client privileged information on the same subject.

On Aug. 12, Bob Owen, NHA Chief Financial Officer, attended the meeting virtually (plus three other NHA officials) to introduce the refinancing information and field questions about potential savings, the new non-profit building owner, board responsibilities, and financing rates.

During its Sept. 9 meeting, NHA representative Andrew Roth said Keystone

Principal Jorvanna Drain will go to an investment class in late October or early November where planning for ESSER funds coming to Keystone will take place.

Roth said the first ESSER report will come out in the second half of September and each month thereafter the board will get an ESSER report.

Principal Drain said the funds could be used to hire more paraprofessionals, Keystone substitute teachers and make them able to hold more elaborate field trips to make a link for the kids with the outside world. She also said she would like to see phonics support in the upper grades if that is a proper use of the ESSER funds.

She referred to the \$13.2 billion allotted for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, signed into law on March 2020 as part of the \$30.75 billion Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic

Security (CARES) Act. ESSER II funds of \$54.3 billion were signed into law in December 2020 and ESSER III added just under \$123 billion. The funds go to states who then send it on to schools, including charter schools. There are many strings attached.

Keystone vice president Steve Harsant said about the ESSER funds, "It just would be nice to know what decisions have been made. A summary."

Attorney Sorensen said there is a lot of grant money and it hasn't bubbled up to the board yet and it should.

She said she is recommending to all the boards she represents that they hire a financial advisor, specializing in school finance, to watch the use of the ESSER funds.

Sorensen said usually you can't use these funds to supplant something you have been using state funds for. The funds should not just go to profit but be used to supplement education.

She said Adam Holcomb is putting together a proposal that she could pass on to the board. He could be someone independent working for the board to watch the ESSER funds, she said.

She said the annual financial audits are not looking for moving the funds around.

Sorensen said in the future if the students are found not to be properly educated, someone may say, "How about all that money we spent?" and may look very closely on how the funds were used. Then the board could say, "We relied on our consultant," Sorensen said, showing the board was serious about oversight.

Board vice president Steven Harsant said he would like to see the pro formas to find out the profit NHA is making on Keystone. Sorensen said she sent the pro formas she was able to get to all the board members. [Pro forma is a method of calculating financial results using certain projections or presumptions, according to *Investopedia*.]

She said records show that NHA charges a 60% management fee and what is covered by this is unknown and they cannot calculate the affect the new agreement would have on the Keystone budget. She said, hopefully, she will get more information, which she would then pass on to the board.

"NHA said from the beginning, 'We'll never tell what our profit is,'" Sorensen said.

She suggested they talk further about this in their closed session.

In other business at the Sept. 9 meeting, the board:

- Heard Drain report on the COVID learning loss revealed by tests used by Keystone, as requested by board members at their last meeting. She said 667 students have enrolled this school year, with capacity at 768. There are 41% of the students qualifying for free and reduced lunches. Everyone gets free breakfast and lunch paid for by the federal government, if they opt in, she said. Drain said there were almost 462 students at their Family Fun Night event;

- Learned three members – president Vesta Losen, vice-president Harsant, and secretary Pat Kirkpatrick – are going to the 2021 NHA Board Symposium on Oct. 26 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Sessions are set on NHA Refinancing, ESSER Funds, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, and Excel-erate Program;

- Approved aimswebPlus as the school's reading assessment system for another year. Michigan requires students in grades K to 3 to be assessed at progress in reading at least three times a year, the first conducted during the first 30 days of school;

- Ratified the 2021-22 Parent and Student Handbook, which Roth said had no substantial changes;

- Approved the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty resolution;

- Approved payment of \$286 as its share of the Regional Co-Athletic Directors Stipends. There are two athletic directors and they get \$2,000 each. The \$4,000 is split among the 14 schools in the region that compete against each other;

- Heard Drain announce Keystone plans to do all of its sports this year, but they will see how COVID goes to finalize plans. Fall sports are volleyball for girls in seventh and eighth grades and soccer for boys in fifth through eighth grades. Band will be for those in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades; and

- Heard president Losen read a letter that as an individual she is sending to elected representatives in Washington, D.C. voicing concerns about a recent vote in the House of Representatives not to give charter schools federal funding. She encouraged other board members to send letters as well on the issue.



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Northville DDA, attorney share input with Belleville DDA

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville Downtown Development Authority chairperson Alicia McGovern invited the executive director of the Northville DDA and the Belleville DDA's attorney to teach local members what their jobs are and how to partner with the city.

Chairperson McGovern said she wants the Belleville DDA to become educated about the DDA, read the DDA bylaws, and serve on committees.

"I want to see a great partnership with our city and I'm looking forward to what we can do as a board," she said.

McGovern, who served as vice-chairman of the DDA last year, became chairperson with the death of longtime DDA leader Rosemary Loria on Nov. 15. McGovern was elected chairperson in January and meetings have been by zoom due to the coronavirus.

Longtime DDA executive director Carol Thompson resigned June 1 and later deputy administrator Tim McLean took over that position in addition to his other duties at city hall. McLean had served as DDA director in Gibraltar.

On Sept. 15, the DDA met for the first time in person at the Belleville Area District Library. McGovern finally was able to get down to business to plan the work of the DDA with the new executive director almost in place.

Lori Ward, who became the Northville DDA's first director in 1999, was invited to tell how her DDA works and how to partner successfully with the city.

Ward said DDAs differ in every community. She said she started in Ypsilanti and Ken Voigt came to work with her there. Voigt, a retired Belleville police officer, now is a city councilman and was present for the meeting.

She said in Ypsilanti, the DDA is not housed in city hall, but in Northville it is in city hall and she is considered a city department director. She said the city staff does the bills and checks for the DDA and the DDA compensates them for the service.

She said in the last couple of years there has been more outreach by the city and it hired a part-time communications person. She said they used to have the DDA do that work.

Northville has a Merchants Association. She said independent business owners often are the only ones in their stores and don't have time to attend a lot of meetings. She said besides the obvious parking as a problem, the DDA tries to give the Merchants Association some support. They do a Girls Night Out and the DDA helps with the social media and advertising, she said.

Ward said the DDA partners with the Chamber of Commerce and city to make sure they're not overlapping in what they do. She said they assess what skills and assets they have in the community and discuss projects, such as special events vs. bricks and mortar.

When McGovern asked them if they do special events, Ward said at first they didn't do any events. When a person moves on from an event that person promoted over the years, the DDA decides whether to keep it going or to retire it.

Ward said the DDA is a financial sponsor for Buy Michigan Now, which brings tens of thousands of people to the city and helps to bring money in. She said the first year the DDA gave it \$5,000 for seed money. Last year they didn't have it because of COVID.

She said the DDA puts on a music series and had an acoustic series, Northville Unplugged. They offer music with just one or two musicians playing so people don't gather and they go on shopping.

A new Skeletons are Alive project is starting. There are 120 life-size skeletons that will be around the downtown, dressed in different outfits. The bike shop will have a couple of skeletons on a tandem bike, she said.

She said there are 11 members of the DDA, which includes the mayor, business owners, and other residents of the community, as required by law. She said there are five standing committees, which include design for improving the downtown, economic development for financially vetting projects going into the downtown, marketing (made up of 20 members from groups in the community, including the library, chamber, Maybury Farm), and organization, for audits, budgets and goals.

Ward said they require each board member to sit on a committee and some on several and report to the full DDA board.

"We feel more connected that way," she said, adding, "We all have board members who open the packet for the first time at the meeting."

She went on to talk about getting the designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA), noting the City of Belleville was the first one in the state to get that designation. She said she had worked for Beckett and Raeder and Belleville was one of her clients.

Councilman Voigt asked Ward to speak about paying attention to detail.

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Belleville DDA

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"I live in Ann Arbor," she said. "They put in bike lanes and don't weed the medians.

They do have an operating budget of about \$1 million."

Also, in the two-hour-and-20-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard a lengthy presentation from Kevin Kilby, its DDA attorney, on what the DDA is and how it works throughout the state. He said by law the DDA is to promote economic growth, prevent deterioration, and promote historic preservation. Voigt said the \$5 million project being built on Main Street next to the bridge will bring more money to the DDA. He said 85% of the business property in the city is in the DDA district and the DDA captures some of the taxes. City Manager / Police Chief Dave Robinson said 51% of the police runs are in the DDA district so maybe some funds could be provided for police that would take the burden off the city budget. Kilby agreed with Ward: "Taking care of what you have is so important";

- Approved paying half of the money the city paid Randy Brown for the goats to trim the shoreline. Brown's bill was \$5,450 and the DDA agreed to pay \$2,725;

- Learned Jason Mida has resigned from the DDA because of family matters;

- Heard McGovern announce she has reserved the meeting room at the library for the rest of the DDA meetings in 2021; and

- Heard Chief Robinson tell the DDA the city and the DDA are a one-two punch for delivery of services in this community. "We love you. Together we can do anything," he said. "I'm excited." He said the energy at city hall now is so positive. He invited everyone to walk into city hall if they're feeling down and, "You'll feel the energy."

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Lakeview Center is taking shape in the 500 block of Main Street in Belleville and its first business to open is expected to be Ivy Rehabilitation in the building facing Main and closest to Hayward's. Last week, Belleville Main LLC announced other tenants who have signed contracts to locate in Lakeview Center are a butcher shop, small market, smoke shop and two bar/restaurants. The third building in the complex, to be sited where Lakeview Tavern used to be, is expected to begin construction in the spring.

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had tenure at another district;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Victoria Lindenfeld as of Sept. 17 after zero years at Belleville High School for personal reasons; and Khaii Mason, as of Oct. 1, after less than a year at Tyler Elementary, for a job opportunity;

- Approved the terminations of the following non-instructional staff: Constance McKenzie as of Sept. 13 after zero years at Edgemont Elementary for personal reasons; Kaleena Bauer as of Sept. 16, after two years at McBride Middle School, termination; and Lisa Myers from Rawsonville Elementary, as of Oct. 1, retirement after 26 years of service;
- Approved employment of the following non-instructional employees: Tierra Cox as paraprofessional at Edgemont Elementary as of Sept. 20; Leonard Wojtyna as a bus aide as of Sept. 21, NyBrionna Lewis as a bus aide as of Sept. 23, Zannon Carter as a custodian as of Sept. 27, and Mychal Darty as Student Safety Liaison at BHS as of Sept. 7;

- Heard a presentation on a proposed McBride Middle School Reading Intervention program, the Houghton Mifflin Read 180 program, which is used by Flat Rock and Riverview. The board will be asked to approve the \$58,152.10 cost of the program at its next meeting. The Read 180 is planned to be used in a three-year cycle, starting this fall and ending in spring 2024 for students performing in the bottom 30% in reading as measured by NWEA and M-Step tests;

- Was introduced to student representative to the school board, Natalia Payne, who is in the tenth grade at BHS. She reported that the Powder Puff football game between the senior and junior girls is on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. She invited the public to support this event. (It is to earn funds for the classes of 2022 and 2023. Tickets at the gate are \$5.) The FAFSA meeting to apply for financial

aid for college will be at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at BHS, and BHS Spirit Week is Oct. 4-8, with the Homecoming game on Oct. 8 and the dance on Oct. 9 at the Commons. There will be several student representatives to the board and Natalia is the first one this year;



Natalia Payne

- Heard Financial Director Sara Cortese report that Karen Waller of the food department is having problems providing food due to labor issues and supply shortages, but she is ensuring meals meeting restrictions are being provided, but with a narrower selection; and

- Went into closed-door session at the end of the meeting and then came back into open session to consider reinstatement of Student 20-21-003, who was expelled during the 2020-21 school year. The board voted in open session to reinstate the student with conditions.

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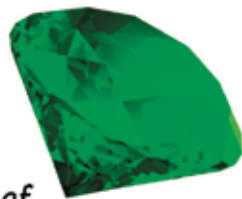
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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present via Zoom
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present via Zoom
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Council Follow Up List
1) Council Member Fielder mentioned that he had seen witnessed two golf carts being driven through the city recently, although the proposal to allow golf carts in the city has not been implemented. He expressed that those individuals should be aware that as of now, golf carts are not allowed. He also mentioned that the city should investigate possible route conflicts involving the proposal and the Iron Belle Trail. He elaborated that there will only be one lane added on to Church St. to accommodate the trail, and the addition of carts may impede the bicyclists and pedestrians in that area. Deputy Administrator Tim McLean assured him that there would be follow up on this potential issue.

2) Fielder followed up on the idea of revising the city's charter, stating that there should be changes, not revisions, made. He also stated that those interested in assisting with the revisions should submit their names to the City Manager.

B. Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items
None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Resolution – Change of Signatories on City Bank Accounts

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve Resolution 21-075 adding Briana Hootman as signatory on the City's bank accounts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Harvest Fest

Special Event Application for Harvest Fest presented by Mary Jo Suchy, director of the Belleville Area Library. The event would be sponsored by the Belleville Area District Library, the Central Business Community, and the Belleville Area Museum.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the Harvest Fest event to take place on October 9, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with closure of Fourth Street Square.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C) Witches' Ball

Special Event Application for the Witches' Ball presented by Jennifer and John Winter of Egan's Pub.

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve the Witches' Ball event to take place on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m., with closure of Fourth Street Square.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	

Mayor Conley

Aye

Motion Carried.

D) Photos with Santa

Special Event Application for Photos with Santa presented by Tom Fielder of the Central Business Community.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the Photos with Santa event, to take place on both December 11, 2021, and December 18, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., with early entry for special needs families beginning at 11:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-076** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Deputy Administrator Tim McLean spoke in place of City Manager Robinson, who was not present for the meeting.

• McLean welcomed new hire Emma Pelker to the City of Belleville. Pelker began work on September 7, 2021 as the Clerk for the Police Records Department.

• Wished the City Manager/Chief of Police David Robinson a happy anniversary.

• Announced that the Zombie 5K which is put on by the high school each year, would be cancelled for 2021. While he was disappointed that he would not be able to participate in the run due to its cancellation, he expressed his excitement on meeting the instructors who put it on. Resident Steve Jones responded to McLean's comments by informing the audience that the Jingle Bell Run would still be occurring this year.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Voigt:

-- Voigt had no comments.

• Council Member Bates:

-- Bates stated she is looking forward to the Harvest Fest, Pictures with Santa, and the return of "Booville" this October.

-- Commented that she hopes the spread of

Covid-19 dies down soon, as she would to see everyone in person again.

• Council Member Fielder:

-- Fielder expressed that he would like to have the Police Department's Records Clerk, Emma Pelker, introduced in person at a future Council Meeting.

-- Reminded everyone that the Belleville Area Museum is now open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. He followed up by mentioning that the attendance fee would be \$35 per person, and individuals can sign up through the Chamber of Commerce.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley reminded everyone that the State of the Community would be taking place on September 14, 2021 at Angel Food Catering. She stated that the attendance fee would be \$35 per person, and individuals can sign up through the Chamber of Commerce.

• She also reminded everyone that the fundraiser for the schools would take place on September 18, 2021.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• John Winter asked if anyone else has brought the traffic congestion caused by the High School's pick-up/drop-off to the City's attention. He stated that in recent days traffic had been backed up from the High School's entrance to Ormond Dr. in Van Buren Township. Council Member Fielder responded that Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Kudlak said that he thinks most parents don't want their kids riding the bus. Resident Steve Jones added that many parents aren't letting their kids out of their vehicle right away, and instead are pulling all the way through the drop-off, contributing to the delays. Council Member Fielder stated there will be a discussion with the Chief of Police to figure out a solution.

• DPW Director Rick Rutherford reminded residents that the City's trash pick-up will be delayed by a day due to the Labor Day Holiday. Rutherford also thanked residents for allowing his staff to take water samples for required lead and copper testing, adding that it is taking a while to receive the results of the testing.

• Brian Loranger stated that he is glad to see traffic cones placed at the Main St. and Denton Rd. intersection again.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Publish: Sept. 23, 2021; Sept. 30, 2021

GARAGE/YARD SALE

THE REAL 1990's PRICED GARAGE SALE. 17500 Sumpter Rd. Oct. 1 & 2, 9am-5pm. Furniture, home improvements, home décor, car parts, antique glassware. 09/30

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FOR SALE

ONE PAIR OF GOODYEAR EAGLE Sport All-Terrain Tires, 225/60R16. \$45/pair. Also wanted go-cart frame. Call (734) 377-6169, leave message. 09/30

UNSTAINED WALL CUPBOARD 30"x30", \$15. Lamp \$5. (734) 483-9656 09/30

LARGE 60 GAL FISH TANK w/stand, \$100. HP Multisystem printer, fax & scanner, \$90. Foosball game, \$200. (734) 693-3659 09/30

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ARAMARK @ Lincoln Schools is hiring part time food service employees. Please visit careers.aramark.com to apply. Email Thomas-karen@aramark.com with questions. A background check is required for this position.
EOE, M/F/Disability/Vet

Van Buren Public Schools Food Service Department has immediate openings for the 2021-2022 school year.
PART TIME AND ON-CALL ASSOCIATES
Background check required.
Call **734-697-0011** to inquire and schedule an appointment.

NOW HIRING
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BOOTH RENTAL for beauty salon. Call or text (734) 330-3868 09/30

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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 at 10 am, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2004 Ford, Focus 4 door, VIN: 1FAFP34304W173456
 2008 Chevrolet, Malibu 4 door, VIN: 1G1ZF57508F225475
 1998 GMC, Safari Station Wagon, VIN: 1GKEL19W5WB513899

DATE: September 27, 2021 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 6 MAIN STREET
 PUBLISH: September 30, 2021 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
 BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
 CITY CLERK

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville, State of Michigan, who is not already registered may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration forms can be obtained at belleville.mi.us/elections or at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 18, 2021**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk's office, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

Two (2) City Council Members

Sample ballots are available in the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 or on the City's website: www.belleville.mi.us.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk's office: 734-697-9323, extension 7010.

Briana Hootman,
 City Clerk

Publish: September 30, 2021

Court Watching:

Stamper, Range bound over to circuit court for attack in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Jesse Duane Stamper, 28, and Hunter David Range, 31, both of Ypsilanti, had their live preliminary exams before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley on Sept. 1 and then were both bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 15 arraignment on the information.

On Sept. 15, a calendar conference was set for Sept. 30 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Shannon Walker.

They are charged with the felonies of first-degree home invasion and unarmed robbery, along with aggravated assault on June 24 in Van Buren Township.

Each has a personal bond of \$250,000. Judge Oakley agreed to order the removals of tethers from both defendants.

A third co-defendant, Derrick Wayne Houchlei, 42, of Brockway, MI, is yet to be arrested, and Van Buren Township Police Department have announced nationwide extradition.

On Sept. 1, complaining witness Derrick Gabbard testified, saying he had just gotten out of bed in the afternoon when somebody knocked on the door. He answered and he said three men burst into his home and punched and kicked him. They pushed in into a large picture on the wall in his bedroom which broke and cut open his head, bringing lots of blood. He said they threw large objects at him and he was able to jump out the bedroom window and try to run away. He said they followed him, pushed him down and took his cell phone. He said they had been asking for a female who was his roommate with two of her children. He was hospitalized for his injuries and testified he already was taking medication for another traumatic brain injury that occurred in 2004.

Under cross-examination, he was told that the woman roommate accused him of violence against her and the children and he replied, "That's what I heard." He testified that he has never hurt anybody.

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– Ronald Reagan

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Domestic violence charges against Parrott dismissed by prosecutor

On Sept. 23, 35th District Court Judge James A. Plakas dismissed a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence against former 34th District Court Judge David Parrott of Van Buren Township, at the request of the prosecuting attorney.

Judge Parrott was scheduled for a jury trial, but that was removed from the calendar because the complaining witness would not testify.

Parrott, who was in his 18th year on the bench, was charged with one count of domestic violence on Feb. 8, 2020 in Van Buren Township. His case was transferred to the 35th District Court to avoid a conflict of interest since the actual venue of 34th

District Court was where Parrott was a sitting judge.

He had been free on \$2,500 personal bond. Judge Plakas signed the order of acquittal/dismissal.

Parrott's original attorney, Robert Coutts, withdrew from the case and ran for Parrott's seat in the 2020 election. Parrott was then represented by Heather Nalley.

Parrott was charged with domestic violence against his live-in girlfriend in his condo in Van Buren Township on Feb. 8. She called 911 and VBT Police arrived at the home and interviewed her with body cam recording the session. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Tara

Hindelang told Judge Plakas that the two officers describing the injuries and body cam footage would not be admissible if the complaining witness does not come to trial.

"If the complainant appears at trial, it allows me to use police testimony and body cam," Hindelang said.

On Sept. 23, after the dismissal, Parrott requested the return of his gun collection which had been confiscated by the Van Buren Township Police but was denied because his Dec. 25, 2018 misdemeanor drunk driving charge in Manistee County is still pending.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Treasurer Budd called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 985 8778 5529 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Delayed Arrival: Trustee Boynton (6:01 p.m.) Absent/Excused Supervisor McNamara. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Communication Specialists Nichols and Albrecht and a maximum audience of twenty-five (25).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Treasurer Budd outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Frazier, Boynton, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Wright seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021; Prepaid List of September 9, 2021; Prepaid List of September 16, 2021; Voucher List of September 21, 2021; Approval of the 2022 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement; Acceptance of the resignation of Helen Foster from the DDA and Approval of the appointment of Velon Willis to fill the vacancy with a term to expire March 9, 2022; and Approval of the Mallinckrodt PLC Bankruptcy Plan as it pertains to ongoing Opioid Litigation. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The Board of Trustees presented the State of the Township Video; September 28, 2021 is National Voter Registration Day. If you recently turned, will be turning 18, in the near future or have recently moved to the community please remember to register to vote or update your voter registration. For more information about how to register to vote contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8909; the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a "Costume Drive and Costume Give-Away". Residents are encouraged to donate gently used costumes Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. from now through October 15. Residents interested in "shopping" for a free costume October 18th-22nd from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Senior Dining Hall, or while supplies last. Please call Parks & Rec at 734.699.8921 for more information. L.D.F.A. member John Delaney thanked Van Buren Township staff for their assistance with the 911 commemorative event at Grace Lake

Corporate Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): The following public comments were received: encouraged a return to in-person Board of Trustee Meetings, opposition to phone-in comments, dissatisfaction with their inability to reach Elected Officials, thanked the Board for their consideration of the controlled substance and toxic chemicals ordinance noting it shows great love and compassion towards the community, and appreciation for the State of the Township video depicting the wonderful support provided to the community throughout the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Miller moved; Wright seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 09-07-21(1) an amendment of Sec. 58-297 of Division 5 (Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals) of Article VI (Offenses Against Public Morals) of Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) of the General Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara. Motion Carried.

Wright moved; Frazier seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 09-07-21(2) the adoption of Sec. 14-37 of Division 1 (Generally) of Article II (Dogs) of Chapter 14 (Animals) of the General Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the continuation of remote Board of Trustees Meetings until further discussion at the first meeting in November 2021. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public commented on: the desire for American Rescue Plan funds to be used to assist with broadband coverage in the community and improvements at Parkwood Apartments, displeasure with the management of Parkwood Apartments as it pertains to maintenance issues, and alleged mis-information regarding the Spanish Flu and Covid-19 statistics presented.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Thanked John Delaney for his efforts in putting together the 911 commemoration at the Grace Lake Corporate Center, Helen Foster for her service to the D.D.A., refuted public comment that Board Members are not reachable and asserted the media is providing verifiable vaccine information and not false narratives regarding the Covid-19 virus and vaccines.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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District library invites public to join its book clubs in October

The Belleville Area District Library has some book groups meeting in the next few weeks and registration is open for all groups.

Evening Book Group: Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. This month they will be discussing "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy" by Karen Abbott

Cook the Book Live Meeting: Monday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. (In person and virtual options) Enjoy cooking, baking or just trying new recipes. This month's theme is "As Seen on TV!"

Comic Book Club (4th-6th grade): Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Do you enjoy reading comic books? Want to create your own comic book? This is the club for you. They will read and discuss a variety of comics and make their own.

Teen Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Are you a teen that loves to read and talk about books? Come join in on the

new Teen Book Club where they will read and discuss books of all genres and types. This month they will be discussing "One of Us is Lying" by Karen M. McManus.

Latrayvion Jackson on Spring Dean's List at Seton Hall University

SOUTH ORANGE, NJ -- Seton Hall University announces Latrayvion Jackson of Van Buren Township has qualified for the Spring 2021 Dean's List.

After the close of every semester, undergraduate students completing all courses with a grade point average of 3.4, with no grades lower than "C", qualify for the Dean's List.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

SEEKING DEMOLITION BIDS

Notice of Advertisement

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the **demolition, removal, and disposal of the garage and debris at 45193 Ecorse Road (Parcel Number V125-83-038-99-0039-001).** Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Posted and Published: September 30, 2021

**Minding
Your Business
with Bob Mytych**



From now through Oct. 31, the Pumpkin Factory at 48651 Harris Rd. in Sumpter

Township is celebrating its 45th year as one of the area's favorite Halloween fun farm destinations, featuring thousands of ready-to-take pumpkins, a haunted house, country hayrides on weekends, sweets and treats, cider and donuts, pumpkin pies, candy/caramel apples, and much more. Pick up some fall decorating items, too, including

corn stalks, gourds, Indian corn, straw, and squash. They're open Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 3 to 7 p.m., and Fridays from noon to 7 p.m. There is free parking and no admission fee. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper and call (734) 461-1835.

Atlantic Welding Supplies and owner Tracie Koehler provide exceptional personal service, tanks, and supplies to the commercial industry as well as to residential welders out of her locally owned business at 51225 Willis Rd. just east of Rawsonville in Sumpter Township. She's open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 9 a.m. until the last customer is gone on Saturdays. Extended hours are also available. Call (734) 483-3962 and see her business card ad in today's paper.

Belleville Church of God on Hull Road in Van Buren Township invites the community to its annual Bash on Friday, Oct. 1, from 6 until 8 p.m. Activities include a trunk or treat candy giveaway in the parking lot, games, inflatables, and free food. Admission is free. Candy donations are still being accepted. Call (734) 697-0927.

The Belleville Tigers football team improved to 4-1 last Friday, with a 21-19 victory at Dearborn Fordson on Sept. 24. The Tigers travel to Wayne Memorial tomorrow, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. before returning for Homecoming weekend on Oct. 8 against Westland John Glenn. Belleville is currently ranked sixth in the state. Go, Tigers!

Harvest Fest is coming to various locations here in town on Oct. 9, with activities at the Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Area Museum, and Fourth Street Place just in front of the library. Activities include live music, old-fashioned craft making, farmer's market, pumpkin and rock painting, sidewalk chalking, baked goods, food trucks, and a lot more. The Belleville Fire Department and Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue will also be on hand. Be sure to check out the scarecrows that should be up by then. The event runs 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. See the Harvest Fest ads in today's paper.

The BHS Seniors versus Juniors Powder Puff Football Game Fundraiser will take place on Monday, Oct. 4, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the BHS field. Tickets are \$5 each and the public is invited. The proceeds will go to the BHS Senior Class of 2022 and 2023. No athletic passes will be accepted.

The Gem, Mineral & Rock Superswap & Sale is this weekend, Oct. 2-3, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road. The public is invited and admission and parking are both free. Items offered by vendors and clubs include jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads, lapidary materials, equipment, supplies, and books. Do you have a rock or mineral that you'd like to know more about? Bring it with you as the folks from Michigan Mineralogical & Lapidary Society and others will be on hand to ID it for you. Kids, be sure to grab a free mineral kit, too. The show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. See their ad in today's paper.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Ordinance No.:09-07-21 (1)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 21 day of September, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller.
ABSENT: McNamara.

It was moved by Trustee Miller and supported by Clerk Wright the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 58-297 of Division 5 (Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals) of Article VI (Offenses Against Public Morals) of Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) to read as follows:

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 58-297 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 58-297. - Possession of hypodermic syringes, needles, and other implements for illegal drug use.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have, possess, sell, offer to sell, dispense or give away any hypodermic syringe, needle or any other instrument or implement for the illegal use of narcotics or dangerous or hallucinatory drugs as defined by Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 (MCL 333.7101 et seq., MSA 14.15(7101) et seq.), as amended, by subcutaneous injection or intracutaneous injection or any other manner or method of introduction.

This Section shall not apply to an object sold, offered for sale, or given away by a state or local governmental agency or by a person specifically authorized by a state or local governmental agency to prevent the transmission of infectious agents.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 21 day of September, 2021.

YEAS: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: McNamara

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: September 21, 2021

Published: September 30, 2021

Effective: September 30, 2021

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Ordinance No. 09-07-21(2)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 21 day of September, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller

ABSENT: McNamara

It was moved by Clerk Wright and supported by Trustee Frazier the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 14-37 of Division 1 (Generally) of Article II (Dogs) of Chapter 14 (Animals) to read as follows:

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Sections 14-36 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 14-37. – Animal Cruelty.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Adequate care" means the provision of sufficient food, water, shelter, sanitary conditions, exercise, and veterinary medical attention in order to maintain an animal in a state of good health.
- (2) "Animal" means any vertebrate other than a human being.
- (3) "Animal protection shelter" means a facility operated by a person, humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or any other nonprofit organization, for the care of homeless animals.
- (4) "Animal control shelter" means a facility operated by a county, city, village, or township to impound and care for animals found in streets or otherwise at large contrary to any ordinance of the county, city, village, or township or state law.
- (5) "Licensed veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.
- (6) "Livestock" means that term as defined in the animal industry act of 1987, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701 to 287.747.
- (7) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.
- (8) "Neglect" means to fail to sufficiently and properly care for an animal to the extent that the animal's health is jeopardized.
- (9) "Sanitary conditions" means space free from health hazards including excessive animal waste, overcrowding of animals, or other conditions that endanger the animal's health. This definition does not include any condition resulting from a customary and reasonable practice pursuant to farming or animal husbandry.
- (10) "Shelter" means adequate protection from the elements and weather conditions suitable for the age, species, and

physical condition of the animal so as to maintain the animal in a state of good health. Shelter, for livestock, includes structures or natural features such as trees or topography. Shelter, for a dog, includes 1 or more of the following:

- (i) The residence of the dog's owner or other individual.
- (ii) A doghouse that is an enclosed structure with a roof and of appropriate dimensions for the breed and size of the dog. The doghouse shall have dry bedding when the outdoor temperature is or is predicted to drop below freezing.
- (iii) A structure, including a garage, barn, or shed, that is sufficiently insulated and ventilated to protect the dog from exposure to extreme temperatures or, if not sufficiently insulated and ventilated, contains a doghouse as provided under subparagraph (ii) that is accessible to the dog.

(11) "State of good health" means freedom from disease and illness, and in a condition of proper body weight and temperature for the age and species of the animal, unless the animal is undergoing appropriate treatment.

(12) "Tethering" means the restraint and confinement of a dog by use of a chain, rope, or similar device.

(13) "Water" means potable water that is suitable for the age and species of animal that is made regularly available unless otherwise directed by a licensed veterinarian.

(b) An owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of an animal shall not do any of the following:

- (1) Fail to provide an animal with adequate care.
- (2) Cruelly drive, work, or beat an animal, or cause an animal to be cruelly driven, worked, or beaten.
- (3) Carry or cause to be carried in or upon a vehicle or otherwise any live animal having the feet or legs tied together, other than an animal being transported for medical care, or a horse whose feet are hobbled to protect the horse during transport or in any other cruel and inhumane manner.
- (4) Carry or cause to be carried a live animal in or upon a vehicle or otherwise without providing a secure space, rack, car, crate, or cage, in which livestock may stand, and in which all other animals may stand, turn around, and lie down during transportation, or while awaiting slaughter.
- (5) Abandon an animal or cause an animal to be abandoned.
- (6) Negligently allow any animal, including one who is aged, diseased, maimed, hopelessly sick, disabled, or non-ambulatory to suffer unnecessary neglect, torture, or pain.
- (7) Tether a dog unless the tether is at least 3 times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail and is attached to a harness or non-choke collar designed for tethering.

(c) The subsection provides for the manner in which the prosecutor may file a civil action seeking forfeiture of an animal and the procedure for hearing in such action.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Oct. 3** – Join “Life Chain” from 2 to 3:30 p.m. along Main Street and at Five Points to hold up signs that say abortion is wrong. This year members of Belleville Church of God will join thousands of others lining sidewalks in Wayne, Oakland, and

Macomb counties.

• **Thursday, Oct. 7** – Van Buren Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., is holding a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their motto is: “One’s junk is another’s treasure.” Treasures include books, tools, craft and sewing supplies, household goods, toys, etc. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center.

• **Friday, Oct. 8; Saturday, Oct. 9; and Sunday, Oct. 10** – White Elephant Garage Sale at St. Aloysius Church, 37200 Neville St., Romulus. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.

to 7 p.m. Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Household items, toys, tools, linens, sporting goods, holiday items, books, radios, etc. Lots of good items in two buildings. Info: (734) 941-5056

• **Saturday, Oct. 9** – Harvest Fest at Fourth Street Place in downtown Belleville, the museum and library and a Harvest Farmers’ Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 13** – Drive-through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. 4:30 p.m. until sold out.

Call ahead for orders of six or more between 1-4 p.m. the day of the dinner. Cost: \$12 for adults/\$5 per child. Bring check or exact amount, if possible. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, biscuits & gravy, dessert.

• **Saturday, Oct. 16** – Craft Show put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4422 in Taylor will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is being held at VFW Post 4422 on Pine Street in Taylor, two blocks south of Goddard. For information, call Sandy Medos of Willis at (734) 461-9502.

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(d) A person who violates subsection (b) is guilty of a crime as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided, if the violation involved 1 animal, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or more of the following and may be ordered to pay the costs of prosecution:

- (i) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.
- (ii) A fine of not more than \$500.00.
- (iii) Community service for not more than 200 hours.

(e) The court may order a person convicted of violating subsection (b) to be evaluated to determine the need for psychiatric or psychological counseling and, if determined appropriate by the court, to receive psychiatric or psychological counseling. The evaluation and counseling shall be at the defendant’s own expense.

(f) This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law arising out of the same transaction as the violation of this section.

(g) The court may order a term of imprisonment imposed for a violation of this section to be served consecutively to a term of imprisonment imposed for any other crime including any other violation of law arising out of the same transaction as the violation of this section.

(h) As a part of the sentence for a violation of subsection (b), the court may order the defendant to pay the costs of the care, housing, and veterinary medical care for the animal, as applicable.

(i) The court may order the defendant not to own or possess an animal for the duration of probation or a longer period of time on a second or subsequent conviction.

(j) Violation of subsection (i) may result in revocation of probation as well as being subject to the criminal and civil contempt power of the court, which includes imprisonment and/or a fine.

(k) This section does not prohibit the lawful killing or other use of an animal, including the following:

- (1) Fishing.
- (2) Hunting, trapping, or wildlife control regulated under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106.
- (3) Horse racing.
- (4) The operation of a zoological park or aquarium.

(5) Pest or rodent control regulated under part 83 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.8301 to 324.8336.

(6) Farming or a generally accepted animal husbandry or farming practice involving livestock.

(7) Activities authorized under rules promulgated under section 9 of the executive organization act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.109.

(8) Scientific research under 1969 PA 224, MCL 287.381 to 287.395.

(9) Scientific research under sections 2226, 2671, 2676, and 7333 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2226, 333.2671, 333.2676, and 333.7333.

(l) This section does not apply to a veterinarian or a veterinary technician lawfully engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine under part 188 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18801 to 333.18838.

Secs. 14-38 to 14-50. – Reserved.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 21 day of September, 2021.

YEAS: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: McNamara

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: September 21, 2021
Published: September 30, 2021
Effective: September 30, 2021

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 265 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 19:

0114 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0119 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Textile
0246 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd.
0305 – disorderly, Ayres Ave.
0526 – 911 welfare check, Locust Dr.
1108 – parking complaint, Jackson St./Hayes St.
1126 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1129 – ordinance violation, Ormond Dr.
1131 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1431 – ordinance violation, Savage Rd.
1452 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville/I-94
1521 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1755 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1814 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1828 – traffic offense, Bradley Dr.

1840 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.
1855 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1901 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1904 – animal complaint, Victoria St.
2042 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2045 – domestic, Bentley Dr.
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2337 – disorderly, Denton Rd.

2354 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville

Monday, Sept. 20:

0056 – mental subject, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0435 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0626 – domestic, Ormond Dr.
0707 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
0852 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Rawsonville
0910 – found property/child, E. Main St.
0940 – abandoned auto, McKinley St.
0943 – animal complaint, N. Timberview Dr.
0951 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
11116 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.

1141 – private property/property damage accident, Celestine Dr.
1353 – hospice death, N. Adams
1425 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1508 – threat, Westlake Cir.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I94 Service
1554 – breaking & entering, Belmont Dr.
1556 – property damage accident, Basswood Cir.
1649 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.

1736 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./McBride Ave.
1836 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1906 – assault & battery, Winchester St.
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1924 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Venetian

2001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coca-Cola Dr.
2121 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
2130 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
2232 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Sheldon
2342 – parking complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 21:

0006 – larceny, Sawgrass Ct.
0105 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
0113 – assist other dept., Westlake Cir.
0226 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0304 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0332 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0956 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Winding Pond Dr.
1016 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1032 – sexual assault, Savage Rd.
1032 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Victoria
1054 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1300 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1341 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1441 – 911 welfare check, Stonebridge Dr.
1658 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

1907 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

2206 – assist other dept., Haverhill Rd.
2254 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fay Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 22:

0044 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
0325 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
0331 – mental subject, Pond Bluff Dr.
0705 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0920 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0936 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1112 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1149 – 911 welfare check, McBride Ave.
1250 – larceny from auto, Maple Dr.
1432 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1440 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1552 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1714 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1733 – fraud, Jackson Ln.

1737 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1744 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1800 – larceny, N. Woodbury Dr.
1805 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Venetian Ave.
1815 – mental subject, Ash Dr.
1820 – parking complaint, Hayes St./Jackson St.
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
1912 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1941 – road hazard, Riggs Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1946 – assist other dept., Florence Ln.
1942 – mental subject, Ash Dr.
1948 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
2014 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2052 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
2128 – shooting, Water's Edge Ln.
2145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/Ashbury
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water's Edge Ln
2253 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton

Thursday, Sept. 23:

0113 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
0515 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0739 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0922 – domestic, McKinley St.
0927 – assist other dept., Woodbury Dr.
1044 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1202 – trespassing, E. Huron River Dr.
1245 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1406 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1545 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
1608 – property damage accident, Savage/Colonial
1902 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk/Tyler
1917 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1924 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1947 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1958 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
2024 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service

Dr. / Lighthouse

2107 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2224 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2232 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2306 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

2341 – property check, Westlake

Friday, Sept. 24:

0037 – property check, Southport Apts.
0059 – traffic offense, Denton Rd.
0132 – Atchison Ford property check, Belleville
0239 – property check, Homestead
0312 – property check, Greenbriar
0727 – parking complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
0801 – domestic, Ironwood Dr.
0911 – indecent exposure, Western St.
0959 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1017 – animal complaint, Hamlin St.
1054 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1129 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.

1134 – abandoned auto, Patty Ln./Jeremy Rd.
1221 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1310 – neighbor trouble, Castell Blvd.
1311 – all 4100 MICR liquor codes, Belleville Rd.
1416 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse Rd.

1425 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave.

1527 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1555 – trespassing, Van Born Rd./Beck Rd.

1716 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.

1839 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1923 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2202 – breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2336 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 25:

0630 – domestic, Maple Dr.
0806 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd.
1045 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.

1217 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Sage Cir.
1404 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
1502 – mental subject, Sadie Ln.
1510 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1953 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2013 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

2309 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
Also on this week's log are 26 traffic stops, with four of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 19:

0402 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1425 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1514 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.
1717 – threat, Belle Villa Blvd.
2326 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Monday, Sept. 20:

0007 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0042 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
0104 – warrant arrest, Huron River Dr./Hannan
0305 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0307 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0634 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Liberty St.

0805 – larceny from auto, S. Aberdeen Ct.
0828 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0837 – follow up by officer, N. Liberty St.
0922 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1033 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1128 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1212 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1218 – larceny from auto, Henry St.
1254 – larceny from auto, E. Thornhill Ct.
1400 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1418 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1722 – misc. complaint, Loza Ln.
1832 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1946 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2113 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Sept. 21:

0347 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
0939 – civil matter, E. Columbia Ave.
1006 – intrusion alarm, Anaheim St.
1330 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1554 – civil matter, Main St.
1953 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2023 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2034 – warrant arrest, Allen Park
2358 – assist other dept., Devonshire

Wednesday, Sept. 22:

1313 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1344 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. Liberty St.
2023 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 23:

0159 – malicious destruction of property, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0936 – animal complaint, Church St./Roys St.
2209 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont

Friday, Sept. 24:

0935 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
0944 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1016 – traffic stop, High St.
1059 – follow up by officer, E. Columbia Ave.
1153 – property damage accident, South St. / E. Columbia Ave.
1156 – misc. complaint, Carmell St.
1224 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1535 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.
1619 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./High St.
1634 – traffic stop, High St.
1641 – family trouble, Church St.
1655 – civil matter, Main St.
2020 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2031 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
2047 – civil matter, N. Edgemont Ave.
2102 – domestic, Menlo Park Dr.
2144 – animal complaint, Estrada
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bedell St.
2253 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

2305 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2314 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

Saturday, Sept. 25:

1309 – follow up by officer, N. Liberty St.
1312 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1414 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1413 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
1446 – animal complaint, Estrada Dr.
1551 – traffic stop, Main St.
1633 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

1804 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1828 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1950 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2007 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2019 – traffic stop, Main St.
2028 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

There were 25 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 19:

0336 – assist other agency, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0740 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd. / Arkona Rd.

0812 – noise complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0855 – neighbor dispute, Redwood St.
1314 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1512 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1528 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1539 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1634 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1700 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Willow
1722 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2004 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2024 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2336 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

Monday, Sept. 20:

0048 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.
0251 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.
0400 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0904 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona
0936 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Oakville

Waltz Rd.

0941 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.
1046 – lost property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1114 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1150 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1216 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1553 – damage to property, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1614 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1802 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Carleton West
1822 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1912 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
1939 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2004 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Karr
2119 – suspicious circumstance, Arkona Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

2125 – subpoena service, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2153 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2226 – assault, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2343 – traffic complaint/hazard, Clark Rd./Judd\

Tuesday, Sept. 21:

0215 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
0250 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
0318 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0803 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
1002 – family trouble, Montana
1329 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell
1458 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis
1521 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1534 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1545 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1934 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
1935 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2124 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2143 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
2213 – traffic complaint/hazard, Savage/Bemis
2240 – subpoena service, Virginia

Wednesday, Sept. 22:

0600 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0827 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0904 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1109 – suspicious person, Texas St.
1248 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Arkona
1510 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1520 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1532 – 911 hang up, Alaska St.

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Sharon and Darryl Zilka, Sept. 25, 1971

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1534 – welfare check, Third St.
2230 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 23:
0036 – traffic complaint / hazard, 20436 Martinsville Rd.
0228 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0744 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1124 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1135 – follow-up investigation, Montana
1141 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1247 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1505 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1559 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Elwell
1605 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2008 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2243 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Sept. 24:
0128 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0732 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1039 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1058 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
1239 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1421 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell
2216 – noise complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2246 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Saturday, Sept. 25:
0001 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0208 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0219 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0938 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1258 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1423 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1553 – alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1743 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1825 – shots fired, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1950 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2101 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sumpter
2118 – welfare check, Timberlane Dr.
2207 – suspicious circumstance, Timberlane Dr.
Also on this week's log are 76 patrol checks, 24 traffic stops, and four misc.details.

Sharon, Darryl Zilka celebrate 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25

Sharon Taylor and Darryl Zilka were married at St. Aloysius Church in Romulus on Sept. 25, 1971 and have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

On Sept. 25, they had their Golden Anniversary blessed by Fr. John Dumas at the same church in which they were married.

The couple has two children, son Jeff (Marija) Zilka and daughter Stacie (John) Dolencic, with four children.

Daughter Stacie and Sharon's sisters, Phyllis Taylor and Judy Taylor, put on a small gathering at the couple's home to celebrate the special day.

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